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INVESTMENT IN PRIVATE SECTORS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whetherthe Government proposes to/has plans to open up transport sector to private investment including foreign investors as reported in Business Standard, dated January 7, 2006;

(b) if so, the reasons for the same; and

(c) the extent at which the Government will open these sectors to private investors and the modalities of foreign investment?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THEMINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL)

(a), (b) and (c): Government vide Press Note No.4 (2006 Series) dated 10th February2006, issued by Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion, Ministry of Commerce & Industry rationalized the Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) policy and further simplified the procedures for investing in India. Infrastructure Sector like development of new Airports, Mass Rapid Transport System, Toll Roads and in services sector including Road Transport Services are already on 100% FDI automatic route.